

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.2822 Persons required to report live birth occurring in state; “abortion” defined.

Sec. 2822. (1) The following individuals shall report a live birth that occurs in this state:

(a) If a live birth occurs in an institution or enroute to an institution, the individual in charge of the institution or his or her designated representative shall obtain the personal data, prepare the certificate of birth, secure the signatures required by the certificate of birth, and file the certificate of birth with the local registrar or as otherwise directed by the state registrar within 5 days after the birth. The physician or other individual in attendance shall provide the medical information required by the certificate of birth and certify to the facts of birth not later than 72 hours after the birth. If the physician or other individual does not certify to the facts of birth within 72 hours, the individual in charge of the institution or his or her authorized representative shall complete and certify the facts of birth.

(b) If a live birth occurs outside an institution, the record shall be prepared, certified, and filed with the local registrar by 1 of the following individuals in the following order of priority:

(i) The physician in attendance at or immediately after the live birth.

(ii) Any other individual in attendance at or immediately after the live birth.

(iii) The father, the mother, or, in the absence of the father and the inability of the mother, the individual in charge of the premises where the live birth occurs.

(c) If a live birth occurs during an attempted abortion and the mother of the newborn has expressed a desire not to assume custody and responsibility for the newborn by refusing to authorize necessary life-sustaining medical treatment, the live birth shall be reported as follows:

(i) If the attempted abortion took place in an institution, the live birth shall be reported in the same manner as provided in subdivision (a), except that the parents shall be listed as “unknown” and the newborn shall be listed as “Baby Doe”.

(ii) If the attempted abortion took place outside an institution, the live birth shall be reported in the same manner as provided in subdivision (b), except that the parents shall be listed as “unknown” and the newborn shall be listed as “Baby Doe”.

(2) As used in this section, “abortion” means that term as defined in section 17015.

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